

Lieutenant Governor

# State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MICHAEL R. STYLER Executive Director

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

JOHN R. BAZA Division Director

April 6, 2010

Rick Havenstrite **Desert Hawk Gold Corporation** 8921 North Indian Trail Road, Suite 288 Spokane, Washington 99208

Subject: Final Approval of Permit Transfer, Desert Hawk Gold Corporation, Cactus Mill, M/045/0049,

Tooele County, Utah

### Dear Havenstrite:

On March 15, 2010, the Division Director approved the Replacement Surety and Reclamation Contract for the Transfer of Notice of Intention (NOI) for the Cactus Mill from Clifton Mining Co. to Desert Hawk Gold Corporation. You are now solely responsible to conduct mining and reclamation operations as outlined in the approved Notice of Intention. Clifton Mining Co. is hereby released from any further reclamation liability under this permit.

This transfer applies to the existing approved permit M/045/0049. The current revision of the Notice of Intention has not been approved at this time. Additional surety will likely be required for the revision. Changes included in the proposed revision must be approved before being implemented.

Thank you for patience in completing this permit transfer. Please refer to file M/045/0049 in any correspondence regarding this operation. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5261 or Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257.

Sincerely,

Minerals Program Manager

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**Enclosure: Reclamation Contract** 

Keith Moeller - Clifton Mining Co. 80 W Canyon Crest RD, Suite D; Alpine UT 84004

BLM - Stephen\_Allen@BLM.gov , SITLA - Wstokes@Utah.gov , Tooele County -wschubert@co.tooele.ut.us.assessor ,

spehell@co.tooele.ut.us.recorder

Penny Berry, DOGM

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FORM MR-RC (LMO)
Revised August 9, 2006
RECLAMATION CONTRACT

Mine Name:	
Other Agency File I	Number:

# STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION of OIL, GAS and MINING

1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801 (801) 538-5291 Fax: (801) 359-3940

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### LARGE MINE RECLAMATION CONTRACT

This Reclamation Contract (hereinafter referred to as "Contract") is entered into between Dzzzr Hawk Gold at "Operator" and the Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Division").

WHEREAS, Operator desires to conduct mining operations under Notice of Intention (NOI) File No. Mous over which has been approved by the Division under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, Sections 40-8-1 et seq., Utah Code Annotated, (2005, as amended) (hereinafter referred to as "Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Operator is obligated to reclaim the land affected by the mining operations in accordance with the Act and regulations, and the Operator is obligated to provide a surety in form and amount approved by the Division or the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (Board) to assure reclamation of the lands affected by the mining operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Division and the Operator agree as follows:

- Operator agrees to promptly reclaim in accordance with the Act and regulations, as they may be amended, and in accordance with the mining and reclamation plan (Reclamation Plan) approved by the Division all of the lands affected by the mining operations conducted or to be conducted pursuant to the approved Notice of Intention.
- 2. The Lands Affected by the mining operations and subject to the requirements of the Act and this Contract include:

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- B. If the Operator fails to provide an acceptable replacement Surety within 60 days of notice of cancellation or termination, the Division may order the Operator to cease further mining activities, and without further notice proceed to draw upon letters of credit, to withdraw any amounts in certificates of deposit or cash and/or other forms of surety, and to otherwise take such action as may be necessary to secure the rights of the Division to perfect its claim on the existing surety for the purpose of fully satisfying all of the reclamation obligations incurred by the Operator prior to the date of termination, and the Division may thereafter require the Operator to begin immediate reclamation of the Lands Affected by the mining operations, and may, if necessary, proceed to take such further actions as may be required for the Division to forfeit the surety for the purpose of reclaiming the Lands Affected.
- 6. The Operator's liability under this Contract shall continue in full force and effect until the Division finds that the Operator has reclaimed the Lands Affected by mining operations in accordance with the Act, the regulations, and the Reclamation Plan, as they may be amended. If the mining operations are modified or for any other reason vary from those described in the approved Notice of Intention, the Operator shall immediately advise the Division, and the Notice of Intention shall be revised and the Surety amount shall be adjusted as necessary.
- 7. If reclamation of a substantial phase or segment of the Lands Affected by the mining operations is completed to the satisfaction of the Division, and the Division finds that such substantial phases or segments are severable from the remainder of the mining area, Operator may request the Division to find that Operator has reclaimed such area. If the Division makes such finding, Operator may make request to the Division for a reduction in the aggregate face amount of the Surety, and the Division may reduce the surety to an amount necessary to complete reclamation of the remaining mining operations as anticipated by the approved Notice of Intention in accordance with the requirements of the Act and regulations, as amended and the Reclamation Plan, as amended. If the Division makes such finding, Operator may make request to the Division for a reduction in the amount of the surety. The Division, or the Board if the surety is in the form of a board contract, may permit such a reduction if it determines that the reduced amount will be adequate to ensure complete reclamation of the lands affected by the mining in accordance with the requirements of the Reclamation Plan, the rules and the Act, as amended.
- 8. Operator may, at any time, submit a request to the Division to substitute surety. The Division may approve such substitution if the substitute surety meets the requirements of the Act and the rules.
- Operator agrees to pay all legally determined public liability and property damage claims resulting from mining operations, to pay all permit fees, to

- maintain suitable records, to file all required reports, to permit reasonable inspections, and to fulfill all sundry reporting requirements applicable to the mine as required by the Act and implementing rules.
- 10. Operator agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State, Board and the Division from any claim, demand, liability, cost, charge, suit, or obligation of whatsoever nature arising from the failure of Operator or Operator's agents and employees, or contractors to comply with this Contract.
- 11. If Operator shall default in the performance of its obligations hereunder, Operator shall be liable for all damages resulting from the breach hereof including all costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Division and/or the Board in the enforcement of this Contract.
- 12. Any breach of a material provision of this Contract by Operator may, at the discretion of the Division, in addition to other remedies available to it, result in an order by the Division requiring the Operator to cease mining operations, and may thereafter result in an Order, subject to an opportunity for notice and hearing before the Board, withdrawing and revoking the Notice of Intention, and requiring immediate reclamation by the Operator of the Lands Affected or forfeiture of the Surety.
- 13. In the event of forfeiture of the Surety, Operator shall be liable for any additional costs in excess of the surety amount that is required to comply with this Contract. Upon completion of the reclamation of all of the Lands Affected, any excess monies resulting from forfeiture of the Surety shall be returned to the rightful claimant.
- 14. The Operator shall notify the Division immediately of any changes in the Operator's registered agent, the Operator's address, form of business, name of business, significant changes in ownership, and other pertinent changes in the information required as part of the Notice of Intention. Notwithstanding this requirement, any changes to the Notice of Intention, and any errors, omissions, or failures to fully or accurately complete or update the information on the Notice of Intention, or the attached maps, shall not affect the validity of this Contract and the rights of the Division to enforce its terms.
- 15. If requested by the Division, the Operator shall execute addendums to this Contract to add or substitute parties, or to reflect changes in the Operator, Surety, and otherwise modify the Contract to reflect changes in the mining operations as requested by the Division. All modifications must be in writing and signed by the parties, and no verbal agreements, or modifications in any of the terms or conditions shall be enforceable.
- 16. This Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah.

Each signatory below represents that he/she is authorized to execute this Contract on behalf of the named party, and that the Operator, if not a natural person, is an entity properly organized and in good standing under the laws of the United States and is registered with and authorized to do business in the State of Utah.

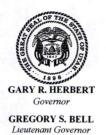
OPERATOR:
DESERT HAWK GOLD CORP
Operator Name
By Rick HAUENSTRITE Authorized Officer (Typed or Printed)
Additionaged Officer (Typed of Tillited)
TRESIDENT
Authorized Officer - Position
Rutite 3/10/2010
Officer's Signature Date
STATE OF NEVADA
COUNTY OF WASHOE
COUNTY OF WASHOR
On the 10th day of MARCH, 2010, RICK HAVENSTRITE
personally appeared before me, who being by me duly sworn did say that
he/she is an <u>OFFICER</u> (i.e. owner, officer, director,
partner, agent or other (specify)) of the Operator and duly acknowledged that said instrument was signed on behalf of said Operator by authority of its bylaws,
a resolution of its board of directors, or as may otherwise be required to execute
the same with full authority and to be bound hereby.
Deanna M Blood
Notary Public DEANNA M. BLOOD NOTARY PUBLIC
Residing at 2910 Scotts O ALR RD REND NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEVADA  My Commission Expires: 10-24-2011  Certificate No: 03-85724-2

By\_ John R. Baza, Director STATE OF ( SS: COUNTY OF Salt On the 31 day of March , 20 La John personally appeared before me, who being duly sworn did say that he, the said John R. Baza is the Director of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the foregoing document by authority of law on behalf of the State of Utah. **Notary Public** Residing at: PENNY BERRY
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF UTAH
1594 W. NORTH TEMPLE, STE 1210
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84116
My Comm. Exp. 01/11/2011

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING:

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the transfer of the
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Commodity: COPPER
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Permit Number: M/045/0049 Change - A heap leach
Mine Name: CACTUS MILL  Permit Number: M/045/0049  County: Toosecs  Operator Name: DESERT HAWK GOLD CORP.  Operator Address: 8921 N. INDIAN TRAIL Rd - Spokans W. 292200
Operator Name: DESERT HAWK GOLD CORP.
Operator Address: 8921 N. INDIAN TRAIL Rd - SpokANE WA
Operator Phone: <u>509-467-8204</u> 99208
Operator Fax: 509-468-1937
Operator Email: RickH@ODCNU.coM
Contact Name: Rick HAVENSTRITE
Contact Email: RICKHO ODENU COM
Contact Phone: 775-848-5193
Surety Type: CD & Cash
Bank: WELLS FARGO
Surety Amount: 39,02561 23,776.50
Account number: <u>CD # 74006612</u> 24
Tax ID (required for cash only): <u>V/A - 82-02</u> 30997
Escalation year: RECACCULATION IN PROGRESS
Surface Owner: CIFTON MINING
Mineral Owner: Moscier family Trust
JTU/ML number:

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>DOGM Contact: Penny Berry, State of Utah, Division of Oil Gas and Mining, 801 538 5291 or bondcoordinator@utah.gov



# State of Utah

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MICHAEL R. STYLER

Executive Director

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

JOHN R. BAZA Division Director

Wells Fargo Bank	(Bank Name)		
5285 West 11000 North	(Address)		
Highland, Utah 84003			
(801) 763-5300			
Attention: Brad Parkinson, Re	elationship Manager	801-796-4686 (phone	•)
Subject: Reclamation Surety, Certificat	e of Denosit for Desert Hay	wk Gold Corn	
Cactus Mill			
	County, Utah, BLM Serial		
Certificate of Deposit no.	; I	Principal Amount \$_39,025	<u>.61</u> .
This letter describes the mutuall	y agreed upon instructions of	of the below signed parties to	
Wells Fargo Bank	_Bank, regarding the contro	ol, redemption, and release of F	Bank's above-
described certificate of deposit ("CD"),	which is being used as a sur	ety to guarantee the availabilit	v of reclamatio
described certificate of deposit (CD),	which is being used as a surv	ity to guarantee the availability	y of reclamatio
funds for the Cactus Mill	_ mine site, <u>Tooele</u> County	, Utah. It is the intention of th	e parties that
the CD be utilized as surety to guarantee	that \$ 38,800.00		in reclamation
funds will be available to the State of Ut	ah, Division of Oil, Gas & M	Mining ("Division") and thel	BLM_upon
demand in the event that the operator(s)	of the Mine Site are unable	or unwilling to complete recla	mation of the
mine site in compliance with applicable	state law and regulations.		
Ownership and Renewal:			
Ownership of the CD is retained by	Desert Hawk Gold Cor	p., a <u>Corporation</u> but it is he	eld by Bank for
the benefit of the State of Utah, Division	of Oil, Gas & Mining and	BLM and is subject to	UTAH
the terms and conditions described in thi	s agreement. Bank hereby a	icknowledges the pledge of	DNR

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the aforesaid CD to the Division and the BLM and agrees to record the information in the bank's written and electronic records of book entry. Further, the bank acknowledges and agrees that it shall hold the moneys represented by the CD's as a custodian and agent for the Division and shall be liable to the Division for any and all losses to the principal amount of the aforesaid CD caused in any manner whatsoever during the terms of this agreement. The Division acts as agent for the Bureau of Land Management. The CD shall automatically renew indefinitely until either redeemed or released by the Director of the Division. The Division may request CD information on an occasional basis. This letter grants approval by <u>Desert Hawk Gold Corp.</u> for the bank to provide CD information to the Division any time an inquiry is made via telephone, email, or letter.

## Redemption:

The CD may only be redeemed (i.e., called on demand), pursuant to the written instruction or demand of Director of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining. Upon the instruction and demand of the Director, the full initial amount of the CD shall be transferred to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. Owners agree and irrevocably instruct Bank that neither the Owner(s), nor any other person claiming an ownership interest in the CD which is derived from the Owners, shall have the authority to prevent the Bank from carrying out the Director's instruction to redeem the CD. Upon redemption, any accrued interest in excess of the initial amount of the CD shall be transferred to Owners' control, or if Owners do not instruct the Bank, the accrued interest shall be reinvested in the CD. If a signature card is prepared, it shall be drafted consistent with the requirement that only the Director of the Division may redeem the CD.

# Release:

The Bank shall release the CD only upon the written instruction of the Director of the Division to the Bank. Upon release, the terms and conditions of this agreement are no longer in effect, and the unconditioned control of the CD shall be returned to the Owners, or their legal successors-in-interest. In the event of Bank cancellation/termination of the Certificate of Deposit, the Division may request a transfer or release of the certificate of deposit monies into a state managed cash account to assure or complete reclamation if the Operator does not replace the Certificate of Deposit within the ninety days of Bank cancellation/termination notice. If the Bank is under a forced cancellation/termination, the Bank agrees to transfer or release the CD funds to a state managed cash account at the Division's request.

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# Accrued Interest:

Prior to release or redemption, all interest which accrues by the CD shall be 1) dispersed quarterly to the Owner(s) as the Owner(s) may instruct the Bank, or 2) shall be reinvested in the CD until such time the Owner(s) may instruct the Bank where to transfer such interest. In no event shall the Bank transfer any amount from the CD which would cause the redemption amount of the CD to be less than the initial amount, \$\_\_\_\_\_\_. All tax liabilities for accrued interest shall remain the sole responsibility of the Owners.

Bank will not be held liable for any dispute between the parties.

Agreed Upon By:	
The R. Ban	
John R. Baza, Director	
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining	
Ruh #	Date: 11/23/2009
Rick Havenstrite, President	
Desert Hawk Gold Corp.	
Tax ID Number:	

Date: 12/16/2009

Wells Fargo Bank

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# AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION PERMITTEE/OPERATOR --00OO00--

1	Rick Havenstrite, being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and says that he/she is
	the (officer or agent) Officer of DESERT HANK GOLD CORP
	and that he/she is duly authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing obligations; and that said
	PERMITTEE/OPERATOR is authorized to execute the same and has complied in all respects
	with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings and obligations herein.
	PH-
	(Signed)
	Name - Position
	Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of No., 2009.
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	Notary Public
	My Commission Expires:
	<u>/0/24</u> ,20 <u>//</u> .
	Attest:  DEANNA M. BLOOD NOTARY PUBLIC
	STATE OF NEVADA  STATE OF NEVADA  Date Appointment Exp: 10-24-2011  Captificate No: 03-85724-2
	COUNTY OF (JASHOF )

# **CLIFTON MINING COMPANY**

80 West Canyon Crest Road • Alpine, UT 84004 Phone (801) 756-1414 • Fax (801) 756-5454

# LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

November 10, 2009

Wells Fargo Business Banking Group Attn. Brad Parkinson, Relationship Manager 66 South Main Street Pleasant Grove, UT 84062

These reclamation funds are designated to be available to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining ("DOGM") and the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") upon demand in the event that the operator of the Mine Site are unable or unwilling to complete reclamation of the mine site in compliance with applicable state law and regulations. Clifton Mining Company hereby requests to be copied on any notice of

reclamation requirement by either DOGM or the BLM to Desert Hawk Gold Corp.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Moeller, VP Finance, Secretary - Treasurer

Clifton Mining Company

State of Utah	)
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County of Utah	)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>19</u> day of November, 2009, by **Scott S. Moeller**, V.P. – Finance, Secretary – Treasurer of **Clifton Mining Company**, a Utah corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

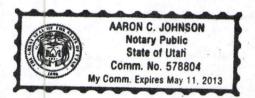
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Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: MAT 11, W13



# ZIONS BANK

Statement of Account

October 1, 2009 Through December 31, 2009

UST - OGM Desert Hawk Gold Corp.

Account Number:

Desert Hawk Gold Corporation

Attn: Robert Jorgensen

8921 Indian Trail Rd. #288

Spokane, WA 99208

Please contact your administrator - Raylyn Daniel - UST 801-844-8523 with any questions concerning your account.

Confidential And Privileged Information

# **CLIFTON MINING COMPANY**

80 West Canyon Crest Road • Alpine, UT 84004 Phone (801) 756-1414 • Fax (801) 756-5454

# LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

November 10, 2009

Zions Bank Corporate Trust Department Attn. Dan Dixon P.O. Box 30880 Salt Lake City, UT 84130

Company's name and re-title to Desert Hawk Gold Corp.

Clifton Mining Company hereby authorizes and consents to the transfer and re-titling of Deposit no. \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the amount \$3,776.50 for the Cactus Mill Mine Site Reclamation Surety M/045/0049, Tooele County, Utah, to Desert Hawk Gold Corp. These reclamation funds are designated to be available to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining ("DOGM") and the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") upon demand in the event that the operator of the Mine Site are unable or unwilling to complete reclamation of the mine site in compliance with applicable state law and regulations. Clifton Mining Company hereby requests to be copied on any notice of reclamation requirement by either DOGM or the BLM to Desert Hawk Gold Corp.

Subject: Authorization to transfer Deposit number from Clifton Mining

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My Commission Expires: May 11, 7213

